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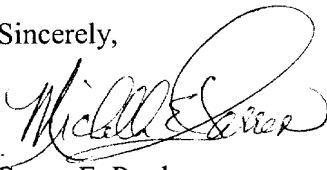
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## Notice to the Trade

Due to the recent events regarding the mail and the new mail handling at the Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Procurement Branch (CPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs will no longer accept hard copies of Invitations to Bid via the mail. Please submit all bids via facsimile or electronically through Data Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES).

Vendors are also reminded that as of January, 2002, CPB will only accept bids electronically through DEBES.

Sincerely,

  
for Susan E. Proden  
Branch Chief  
Commodity Procurement Branch  
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